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A HISTORY OF ENGLAND AND GREATER BRITAIN. BY ARTHUR L. CROSS, PH. D. Professor of European History in the University of Michigan. New York. The Macmillan Company, 1914, pp XIII, 1165, with 13 maps.

The first thing that strikes one about this book is that it is eminently readable and interesting. A popular work which the people will not or cannot read is waste labor indeed. In making his history readable Dr. Cross has never sacrificed accuracy or thorough investigation. Every chapter is full of information based on the very latest studies of specialists. The story of England and Greater Britain is brought down from the days of the ancient Britons to the Home Rule and suffragist agitations of 1914 and covers the great field in a way rarely done before in such compass. The author treats of many things of especial interest to Americans such as the growth of American common law, the causes of the American Revolution, and the growth of British imperialism. The first chapter on "The British Isles: Their Physical Features and Resources" is of special interest at the present time, and the chapters immediately following on the Britons and Saxons give a good idea of the quality of the book. When one remembers the dreary catalogue beginning with Caesar and ending with the battle of Hastings which used to be given in popular histories, which to most readers were, as they were to Milton, of no more interest than the battles of kites and crows, and then reads the book he is bound to be delighted at the difference.

It is a work which can be heartily commended.

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES. BY MATTHEW PAGE ANDREWS, J. B. LIPPINCOTT.

This is another addition to the long list of school histories of the United States. As it is very difficult, however, to find a satisfactory history for ordinary school purposes, the large number of such text-books is justified. The present work is among the best of recently published school histories. The author has avoided the tendency to weight his narrative with details; he tells his story smoothly and pleasantly. The account of the Civil War is especially good. A sufficiently full statement of the causes of the war is given, but there are no long-drawn constitutional discussions. The description of military operations is clear and impartial, and the style is lively enough to interest students. The make-up of the book is also very attractive; there are maps and a large number of excellent illustrations. Altogether, Mr. Andrews has produced a volume which should sell well and give him a high place among the writers of historical text-books.

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